

1909-026 Chancery Causes: Elizabeth Bowman vs. L. M. Bowman
Lee Co.

Oaks, Williams, Price

CA-Divorce
T-Vices

TO THE HON. H.A. W. SKEEN, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LEE
COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

Humbly complaining your oratrix Elizabeth Bowman, will respectfully represent and show unto your honor that heretofore to-wit, on the _____ day of _____, 190____, she was united in marriage with one L. M. Bowman; that she has made to the said Bowman a true, industrious and helpful wife, striving at all times for success and for the happiness of her family. But on the contrary her said husband has been lazy, indolent, not disposed to provide for the family and that he has been very abusive, teranical and over-bearing; that he has frequently assaulted her, beat and bruised her, and put her life in danger. That in addition thereto he has not been true to her, or to his marriage vows, but on the contrary he has been and is being guilty of open and gross adulterous conduct; that he is guilty and has been guilty at various times of adultery with one _____ ~~and~~ guilty of adultery in Lee County and in the neighborhood of Jonesville with one _____ Oaks, a woman of loose character. That she has never lived or co-habited with him since she became aware of the fact that he was guilty of infidelity and ludeness with the said _____ Oaks; that the conduct of the said L. M. Bowman is so violent that she is in actual fear of her life. That he in no way provides for her but spends all that he can get on the Oaks woman.

Your oratrix will now further show your honor that she and her husband are both residents of Lee County, Virginia, and have been such for more than one year prior to the institution of this suit.

Now the object of this bill is to dissolve the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between your oratrix and the said L. M. Bowman, and being without adequate remedy at law she prays your honors court of Chancery to take cognizance of her cause and grant her the proper relief.

To this end she prays that the said L. M. Bowman be made the party defendant to this bill and that he be required to answer the same, but he need not answer under oath, that being expressly waived, and that upon a final hearing the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between your oratrix and the said Bowman be dissolved, and for full and general relief.

Duncan & Cridden, P.G.

Elizabeth Bonneau

vs Bill

L. M. Bonneau

Filed Aug. 18, 1909
J. C. Ewing,
Clerk

1909 2nd Aug. Rules
Bill filed, Spca.
executed.

1909 1st Sept Rules
Cause set for hearing

Costs:

Clerk \$3.95

Tax 1.50

att'y 15.00

Shff. .50

Wits. 1.00

Comm. 1.50

\$23.45

Elizabeth Bowman ----- Plaintiff

vs.

In Chancery

L. M. Bowman ----- Defendant

This Cause came on this day to be heard upon the bill of the plaintiff and the deposition of witnesses, and process duly executed on the defendant, and was argued by counsel.

On Consideration whereof, and it appearing to the Court from the depositions of witnesses that the defendant has been guilty of adultery since his marriage to the plaintiff, it is therefore adjudged, ordered and decreed that the Bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between the said Elizabeth Bowman and L. M. Bowman be and the same are hereby dissolved, and the said Elizabeth Bowman is granted an absolute divorce from the said L. M. Bowman. ~~and~~
~~And this Cause is stricken~~
~~from the docket.~~ And it is further adjudged that the plaintiff recover of the defendant her cost expended in the prosecution of this cause, for which execution may issue.
And this cause is stricken from the docket.

Elizabeth Bowman
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L. M. Bowman

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Dec. 16, 1909,

The depositions of Lizzie Oaks and others taken before me, Geo. P. Cridlin, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the law office of C. T. Duncan in the town of Jonesville on the 6th day of September, 1909, pursuant to agreement of parties, which depositions are intended to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in Chancery now pending in the said Circuit Court of Lee County, in which Elizabeth Bowman is plaintiff and L. M. Bowman is defendant.

Present C. T. Duncan of counsel for plaintiff; and the defendant in his own proper person; and M. C. Ely his attorney.

Lizzue Oaks, at witness of lawful age, being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q. 1.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit?

A.-- I am acquainted with them, and have known them for several years.

Q. 2.-- Do you know of any acts of adultery by L. M. Bowman, since his marriage with his said wife?

A.-- I do know of his being too intimate with another woman. I saw him with another woman. This was some two or three weeks ago. It was between our house and Jonesville and we live about two miles from Jonesville. They were in the woods. They were walking along side by side and kissing each other.

Q. 3.-- Who was this woman?

A.-- Mat Williams.

Q. 4.-- What is Mat Williams' reputation, if you know it?

A.-- Her reputation is that she is a very loose and lewd character.

Q. 5.-- Do you know of any other improper conduct on the part of Mr. Bowman, and his being too intimate with any other woman?

A.-- I don't know.

And further this deponent saith not.

Wit. Claims 1 day 50

Lizzie Oaks
her mark

Thursy Oaks, another witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

C.1.-- Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit?

A.-- I am acquainted with them and have been acquainted with them a right smart but, - several years.

C.2.- Do you know of any adulterous conduct on the part of L.M. Bowman, within the last five years?

A.-- I saw him start of from my house with Mat Williams, who is a woman of bad character. They were going into the woods together.

~~And further this deponent saith not.~~

C.-- Do you know of any violent or threatening conduct of L.M. Bowman towards his wife?

A.-- I have heard him curse and abuse her, and on one occasion I heard him say that if she came fooling around him, that he would cut her head off and hide her. I have heard him make that threat more than once.

C.-- Where do ~~thex~~ the plaintiff and defendant live?

A.-- They both live in Lee County. They were both born and raised here.

And further this deponent saith not.

Wit. claims 1 day 50.

Thursy X Oaks
juror

Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

I, Geo.P.Cridlin, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, do certify that the foregoing depositions of Lizzie Oaks, and Thursy Oaks, were taken, subscribed and sworn to before me at the time, place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned.

Given under my hand this the 7th day of Sept. 1909.

Geo. P. Cridlin
Commissioner in Chancery.

Lizzie Bownman
vs. { In Ctry.

N. L. Bownman

Depositions of	cost
Lizzie Oaks	.50
Thursy Oaks	.50
	<u>1.00</u>

Court. fees	75
	<u>\$1.75</u>

Filed Sept. 7, 1909.

H. C. T. Ewing, Clerk.

The Deposition of William Price taken before me Geo. P. Cridlin, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, on the 16th day of December, 1909, at the law office of C. T. Duncan in the town of Jonesville, Virginia, by agreement of parties, which deposition is intended to be read as evidence in behalf of the plaintiff in a certain suit in chancery in which Elizabeth Bowman is plaintiff and L. M. Bowman is defendant.

Present C. T. Duncan atty. for plaintiff; and the defendant in his own proper person.

William Price a witness of lawful age being duly sworn deposes as follows:

Q. 1.-- State your age, and place of residence.

A.-- I am 18 years, live near Jonesville, Va.

Q. 2. Are you acquainted with the parties to this suit?

A.-- I am, and have known them ever since I was a small boy.

Q. 3.-- Do you know of any acts of adultery by the said L. M. Bowman since his marriage with the said Elizabeth Bowman?

A.-- I know that he is paying the board of Mat Williams, and that he is frequently out with her at night, and that they appear to very intimate with each other. I have seen them hugging and kussung each other at different times.

Q. 4.-- Do you know the reputation for Chastity of the said Mat Williams, and if so what is it?

A.-- She has the reputation of being a lewd woman. I have known her for some years, and I know all the people of the neighborhood in which she lives, and her reputation for chastity is about as bad as it can be.

And further this deponent saith not.

W. C. Price

Virginia, Lee County, to-wit:

I, Geo. P. Cridlin, a Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, do certify that the foregoing deposition of William Price was taken sworn to and subscribed before

me xxx at the time, place and for the purpose in the caption mentioned. Given under my hand this Dec. 16, 1909. *Geo. P. Cridlin, Comm. in Chy.*

Lippi Bowman
vs. { Depo.

N. L. Bowman

Filed Dec. 16, 1909.

N. L. Ewing Clerk.

Comm. fee 75¢

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

L. M. Bowman

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at rules to be held for the said court, on
the *3rd* Monday in *August*, 190*9*, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against *him*

in our said Court by Elizabeth Bowman

And have then there this writ. Witness, H. C. T. EWING, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the *13th*
day of *August*, 190*9*, and 1*34th* year of the Commonwealth.

A Copy, Teste:

H. C. T. Ewing, Clerk

_____, Clerk

Elizabeth Bowman

VS

SUBPOENA
IN
CHANCERY

L. M. Bowman

Bureau & Cristie p. q.

To: 2nd August Rules

Le Circuit Court

1909.

Accepted by deliver-
ing a true copy
of this within to
L. M. Bowman

This Aug 14th 1909.

Francis Miles
Deputy Sheriff